

The fireplace of the Inn stands  
as a peaceful sentinel at the  
base of Big 4 Mountain

The Stillaguamish Sauk River Valleys region is anchored by "the Mountain Loop". This online tour offers maps, directions, informative slide shows, and GPS alerts. Because much of The Loop has poor or no cell service, you should download this tour from the App Store or Google Play to make sure you will always have slide shows and GPS alerts to loop The Loop.



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## STILLAGUAMISH — SAUK — RIVER VALLEYS

... or as the "locals" say ...  
**THE MOUNTAIN LOOP!**

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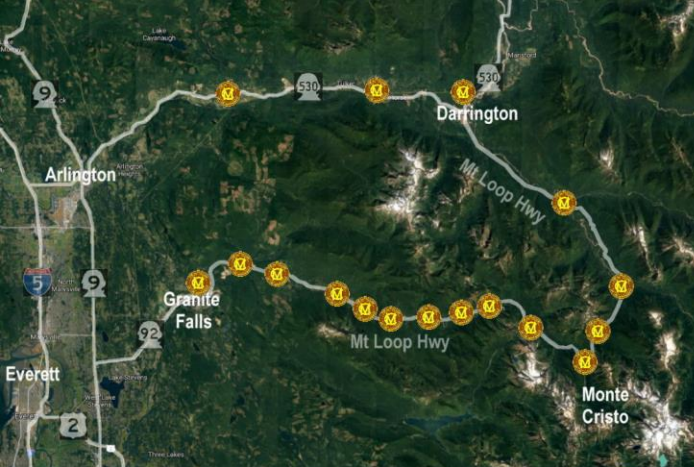
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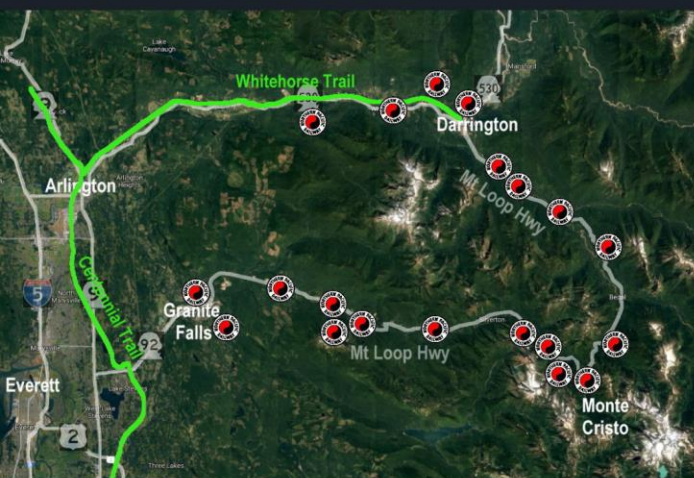
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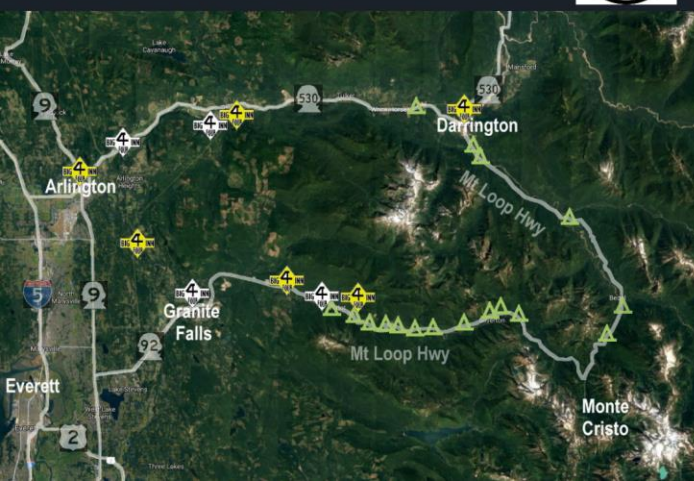




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**WE DISCOVERED GOLD!** The Everett & Monte Cristo Railway reached the gold fields in 1893, but the thrill ended in less than 15 years. Leaving Granite Falls on the Mt Loop Hwy, the scenic drive passes many historical sites along the E&MC route that take only moments to enjoy. Turning north toward Darrington, the Mt Loop Hwy follows close to the route over which the initial mining equipment and people traveled to Monte Cristo before rails arrived.

Once the wilderness had been penetrated, the actual treasure of the Pacific Northwest became the target: **TIMBER!** The Northern Pacific Railway constructed a line from Arlington to Darrington in 1900, near which WA 530 follows today. (A single mill near Darrington shipped a billion board feet of lumber in a decade at the peak of the industry). The NP later bought the Monte Cristo Railway.

Today, the muscles of the Northern Pacific no longer dominate the area. Instead, we encourage visitors to test their hiking & biking muscles on the many trails in the region. *"Locals", too, of course.*

**Whitehorse Trail** follows the rail bed of the Northern Pacific Railway along the northern edge of The Loop, while **Centennial Trail** defines the western edge, also following the old NP route. Over 100 hiking trails can be accessed from The Loop, but we've marked those providing the finest day hikes and scenic experience.

Lumber barons bought the Monte Cristo Branch of the NP and quickly built a destination resort at the base of Big 4 Mountain. While the Big 4 Inn no longer exists, your need for camping, glamping, or luxury overnights on The Loop can readily be met.

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